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Week 7 Lecture 2

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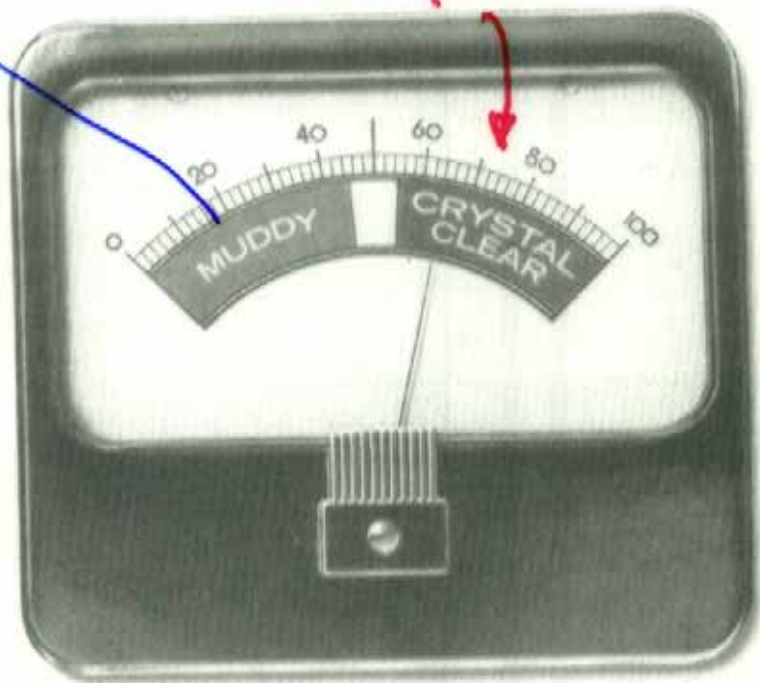
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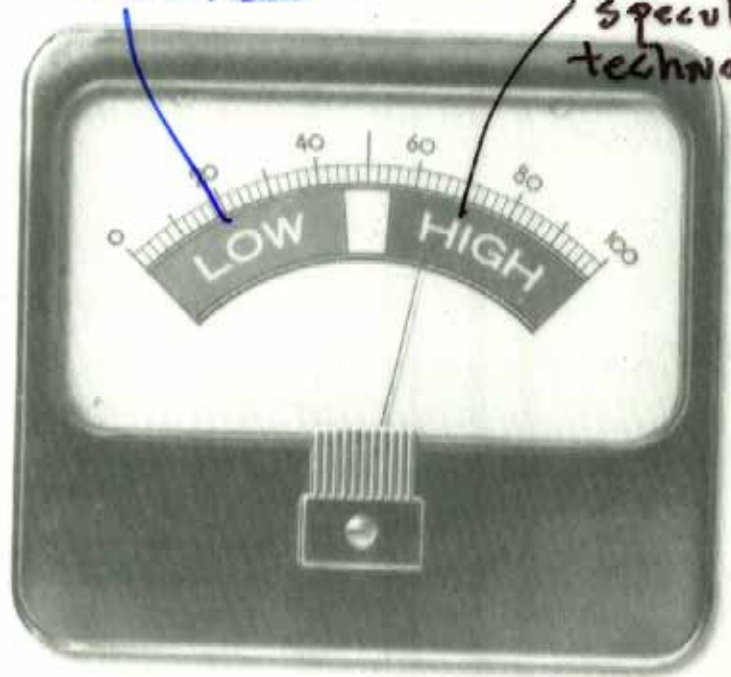
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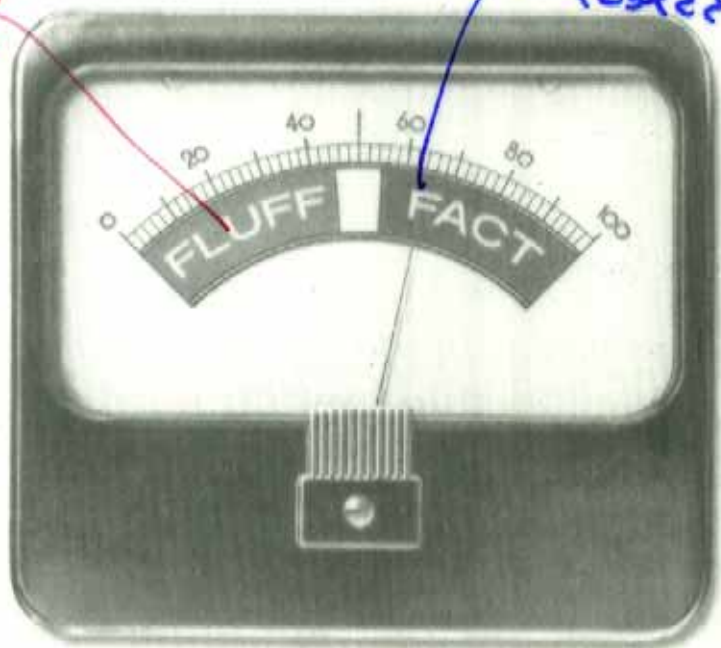
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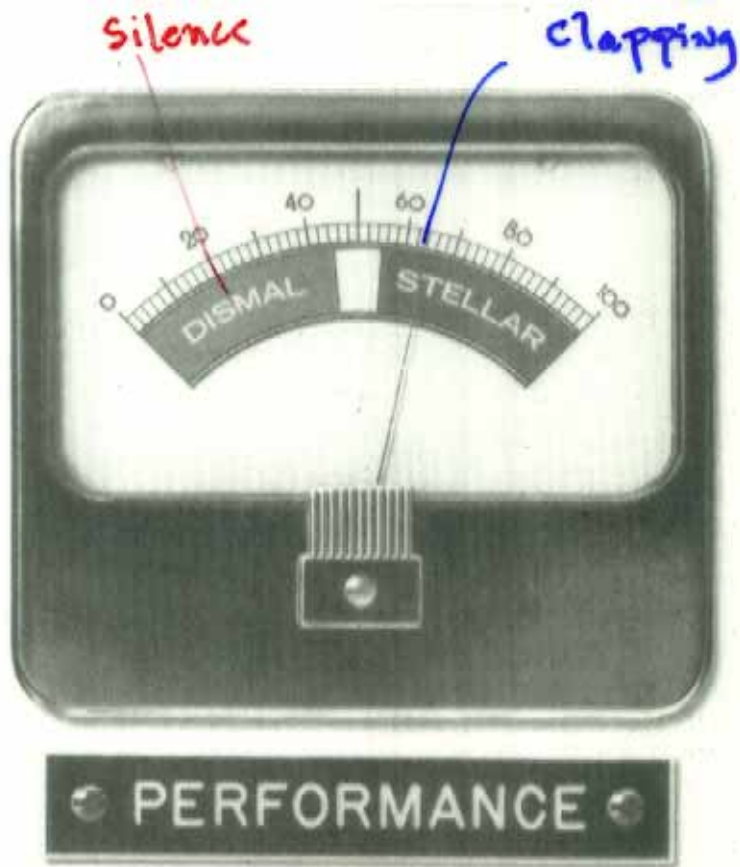
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Know it
when you
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truth
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● HONESTY ●



Summary of chapter 4

1. How an SPST ideal switch can be realized using semiconductor devices depends on the polarity of the voltage which the devices must block in the off-state, and on the polarity of the current which the devices must conduct in the on-state. OK?
2. Single-quadrant SPST switches can be realized using a single transistor or a single diode, depending on the relative polarities of the off-state voltage and on-state current. } OK?
3. Two-quadrant SPST switches can be realized using a transistor and diode, connected in series (bidirectional-voltage) or in anti-parallel (bidirectional-current). Several four-quadrant schemes are also listed here. } OK?
4. A "synchronous rectifier" is a MOSFET connected to conduct reverse current, with gate drive control as necessary. This device can be used where a diode would otherwise be required. If a MOSFET with sufficiently low R_{on} is used, reduced conduction loss is obtained. } OK?

FET: $I_{ON} R_{DS} \leq 0.7V$

$70A$ $10m\Omega$ $P = 49W$

BJT $I_{ON} V_{CE} \leq 0.2$

$P = 14W$

International Rectifier introduces Economical, High Power, 150kHz IGBTs for High Frequency SMPS Applications

EL SEGUNDO, Calif., February 2003 - International Rectifier (IR) (NYSE: IRT), today introduces new WARP2™ 600V 80A, 35A and 20A non-punch through (NPT) IGBTs with improved turn-off characteristics for high current, high frequency switch-mode power supply (SMPS) circuits in telecom and server systems. The new WARP2 NPT IGBTs offer performance and efficiency with a better price-to-performance value than power MOSFETs. The WARP2 IGBTs are co-packaged with MURFRED8 diodes, which enable better performance compared to the integral body diodes in power MOSFETs. The new devices are available in the TO-247 and TO-220 packages.



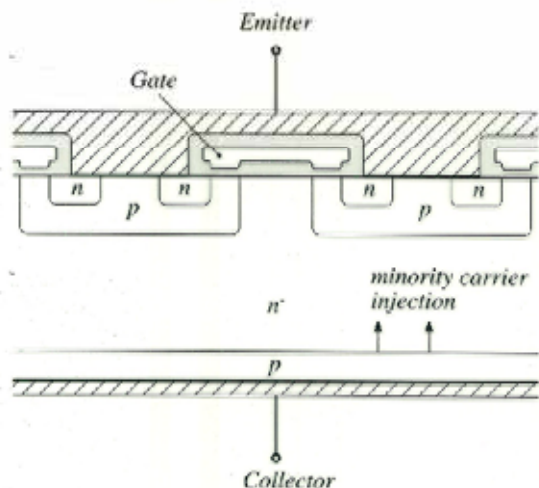
Part Number	Package	V _{CE}	I _C @ 25°C	V _{CE(sat)} @ I _C	Switching Speed	t _{off}
IRF2588NPT	TO-247	600	80A	2.0V @20A	15A	250nC
IRF2589NPT	TO-247	600	35A	1.92V @20A	15A	160nC
IRF2590NPT	TO-247	600	20A	2.08V @15A	8A	88nC
IRF2591NPT	TO-220	600	20A	2.09V @15A	4A	88nC

Early IGBT
 Similar I, V to FET Big Q_g
Lower ON loss

Availability and Pricing

The new high frequency NPT IGBTs are available immediately. Pricing begins at US \$1.00 each for the IRF2588NPT in 10,000-unit quantities.

4.2.4. The Insulated Gate Bipolar Transistor (IGBT)



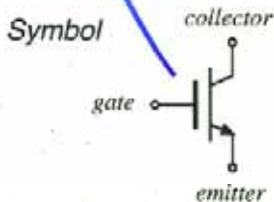
- A four-layer device
- Similar in construction to MOSFET, except extra p region
- On-state: minority carriers are injected into **n**-region, leading to conductivity modulation
- compared with MOSFET: slower switching times, lower on-resistance, useful at higher voltages (up to **1700V**)

8kV latest IGBT for power grid

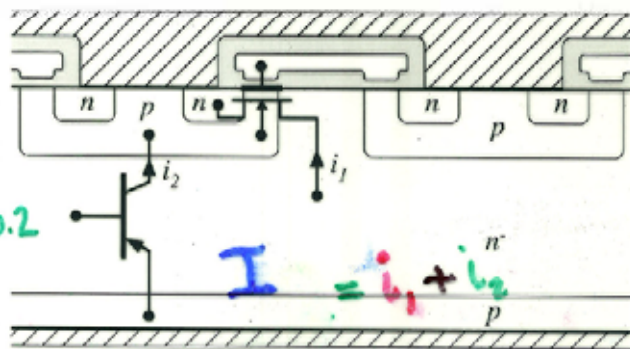
Q_g to switch 50-200nC

$P_{gate} \sim C_{gate} V_{TH}^2 f_{sw}$

The IGBT

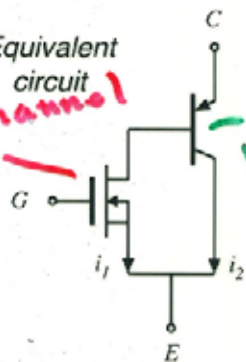


Location of equivalent devices



Equivalent circuit

n -channel



pnp
 $V_{sat} \approx 0.2$
 low
 P_{on}
 loss

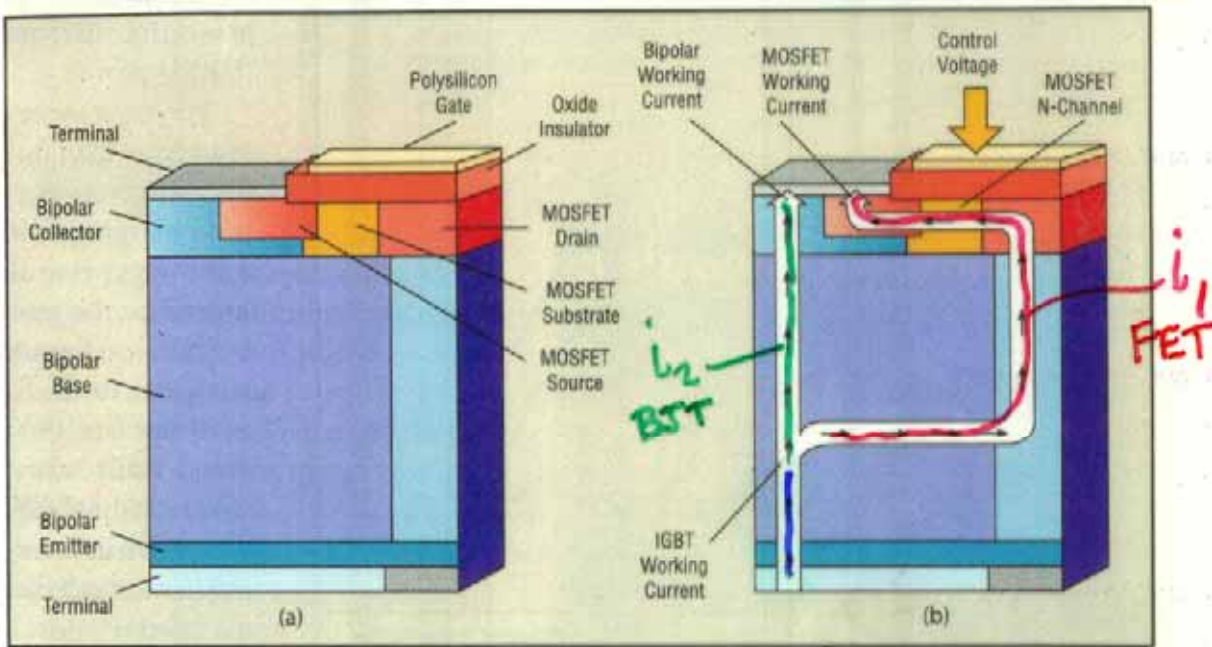


Fig. 2. IGBT builds on bipolar and MOSFET design. An IGBT employs both bipolar and MOSFET building blocks (a); consequently, IGBT current, shown in IGBT ON state (b), comprises both bipolar and MOSFET currents.

$$I^T = I(BJT) + I(FET)$$

IGBTs Preferred	MOSFETs Preferred	IGBT Applications	MOSFET Applications
<u>High duty cycle</u>	Low duty cycle	Motor control	Switched-mode power supplies
<u>Frequencies of 20 kHz or less</u>	Applications of <u>200 kHz or more</u>	Uninterruptible power supplies	Battery charging
Small line or load variation	Wide line or load variation	Welding	White goods Appliances
High-voltage applications of <u>1000 V or more</u>	Low-voltage applications of <u>200 V or less</u>	Low power lighting	
Output power of <u>5 kW or more</u>	Power outputs of <u>500 W or less</u>		
Junction temperatures of 100°C or more			

Table. IGBTs versus MOSFETs.

High Duty Cycle on \Rightarrow P_{on} matters

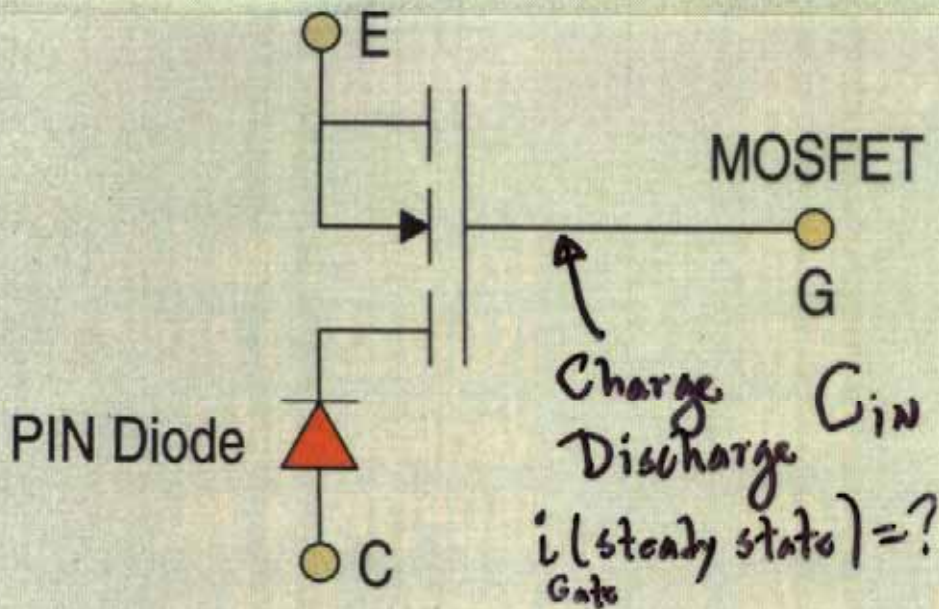
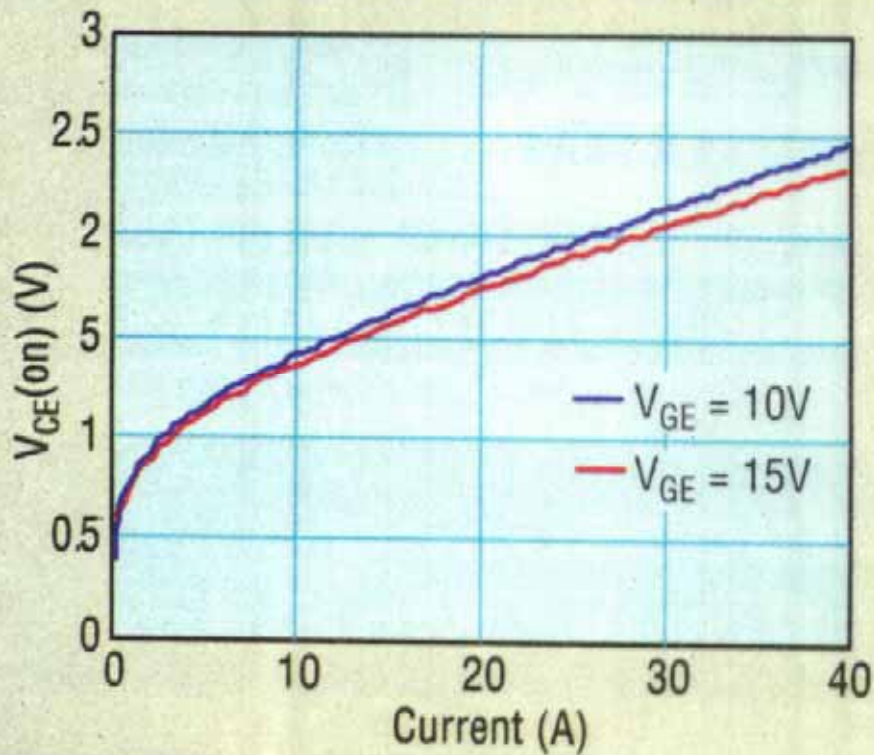


fig. 1. On-State Model of IGBT.

Apples

Oranges





Output
 V_{across}
 $I_{through}$

Fig. 4. APT30GP60B on-state voltage vs. current

Input $V_g - Q_g$

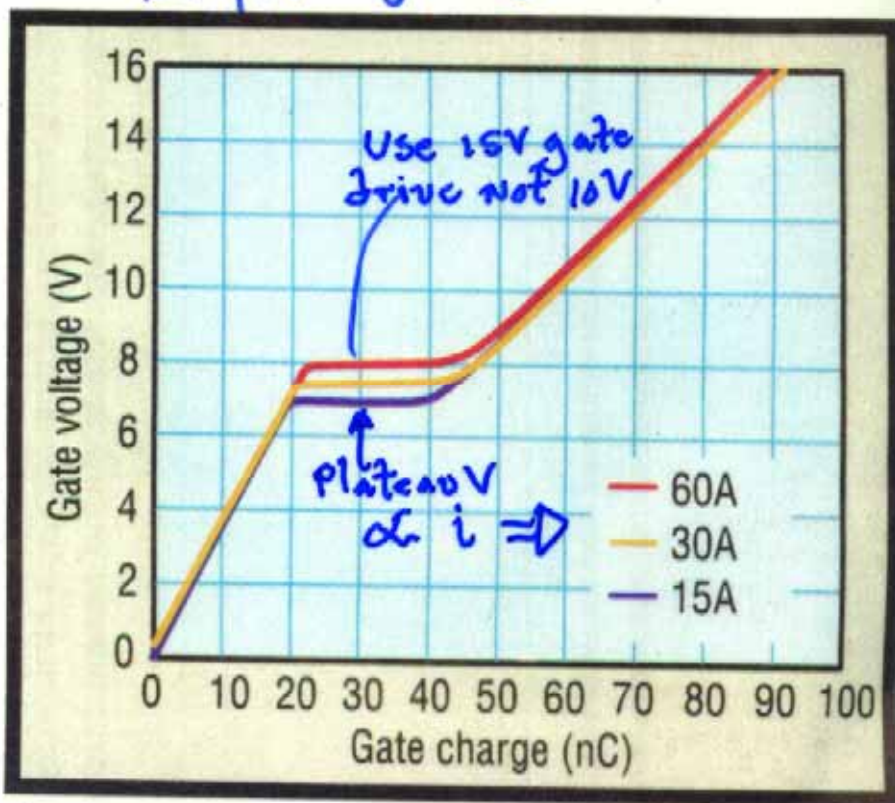


Fig. 5. Gate charge for APT30GP60B at 15A, 30A

Best Feature Adv Power Tech Sq. Sheet

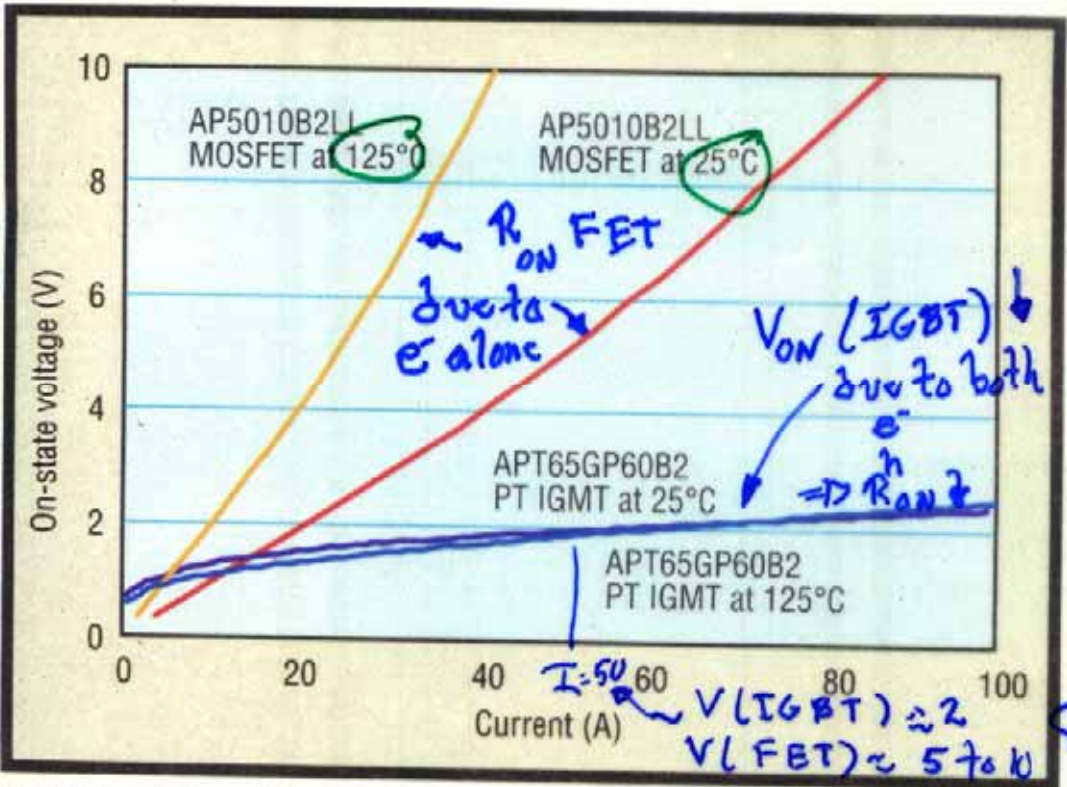


Fig. 1. On-state voltage vs. current for same size power MOSFET[®] MOSFET and IGBT, 15V gate bias.

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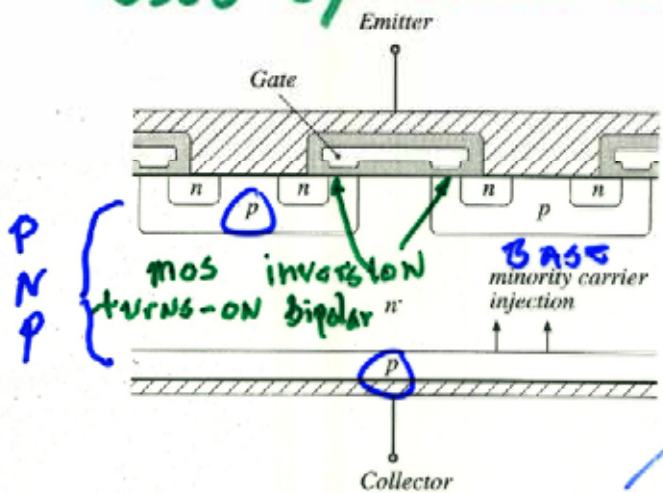
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Fig 4.34 Pg 86

4.2.4. The Insulated Gate Bipolar Transistor (IGBT)

NEW Kid IN town Wide use
Used by "Motor Heads" => lower cost



- A four-layer device **Low f**
- Similar in construction to MOSFET, except extra p region **High I**
- On-state: minority carriers are injected into n- region, leading to conductivity modulation **uses bipolar**
- compared with MOSFET: slower switching times, lower on-resistance, useful at higher voltages (up to 1700V) **V_{ce}**

f up to 100kHz
typically 30 kHz
3600V

Figs 4.38
4.39 Pg 207

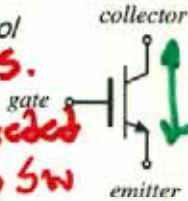
The IGBT

NO S.S.
V_{ON} needed
to keep SW
ON

early IGBT
1700V - 2600V

Now in place is
8000V IGBT
for "Power system
BVC"

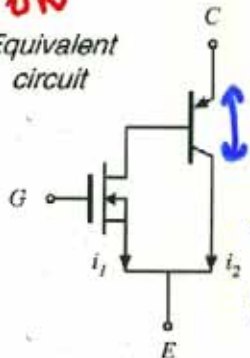
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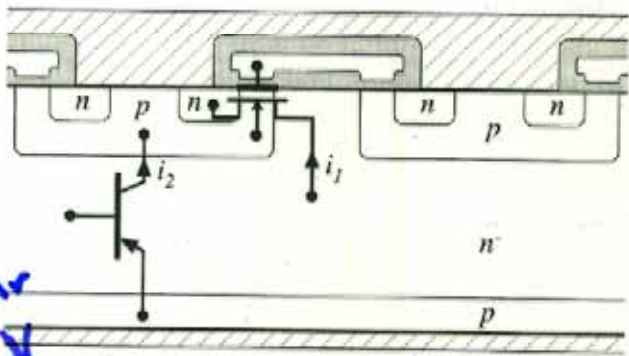
collector
gate
emitter

Location of equivalent devices

Equivalent circuit



low
of V_{ON}
of bipolar
~0.3V



High-Voltage High-Power IGBTs $\rightarrow I_{on}$

Connection	I_c	400A	600A	1200A	1800A
	V_{CES}				
Single	3300V	MBN400C33A*	MBN600C33A*	MBN1200D33A*	
	2500V			MBN1200D25B*	
	2000V	MBN400C20	MBN600C20		
	1700V				MBN1800D17A*

\uparrow
 $V_{off}(max)$

$I_{on} V_{off} \approx$ MW
 Switching
 for
 several
 μs



APT75GP120J

1200V

1ug nut for wires

POWER MOS 7 IGBT



The POWER MOS 7[™] IGBT is a new generation of high voltage power IGBTs. Using Punch Through Technology this IGBT is ideal for many high frequency, high voltage switching applications and has been optimized for high frequency switchmode power supplies.

- Low Conduction Loss
- Low Gate Charge
- Ultrafast Tail Current shutdown
- 50 kHz operation @ 800V, 20A
- 20 kHz operation @ 800V, 44A
- RBSOA rated

f ↑ derate!



MAXIMUM RATINGS

All Ratings, $T_c = 25^\circ\text{C}$ unless otherwise specified

Symbol	Parameter	APT75GP120J	UNIT
V_{CES}	Collector-Emitter Voltage	1200	
V_{GE}	Gate-Emitter Voltage	± 20	Volt
V_{GEV}	Gate-Emitter Voltage Transient	130	
I_C	Continuous Collector Current @ $T_c = 25^\circ\text{C}$	108	
I_{CE}	Continuous Collector Current @ $T_c = 100^\circ\text{C}$	67	Amps
I_{CEP}	Pulsed Collector Current @ $T_c = 25^\circ\text{C}$	300	
RBSOA	Reverse Bias Safe Operating Area @ $T_c = 150^\circ\text{C}$	500A @ 800V	
P_D	Total Power Dissipation	843	Watt
T_{STG}	Operating and Storage Junction Temperature Range	-65 to 150	$^\circ\text{C}$
T_L	Min. Lead Temp. for Soldering (0.02" from Case for 10 Sec)	300	

STATIC ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Symbol	Characteristic / Test Conditions	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT
V_{CES}	Collector-Emitter Breakdown Voltage ($V_{GE} = 0\text{V}$, $I_C = 1000\mu\text{A}$)	1200			Volt
$V_{GE(th)}$	Gate Threshold Voltage ($V_{CE} = V_{GE}$, $I_C = 2.5\text{mA}$, $T_c = 25^\circ\text{C}$)	3	4.5	8	
$V_{GE(ON)}$	Collector-Emitter On Voltage ($V_{GE} = 15\text{V}$, $I_C = 75\text{A}$, $T_c = 25^\circ\text{C}$)		3.3	3.9	
	Collector-Emitter On Voltage ($V_{GE} = 15\text{V}$, $I_C = 75\text{A}$, $T_c = 100^\circ\text{C}$)		3.0		μA
I_{CES}	Collector Cut-off Current ($V_{CE} = 1200\text{V}$, $V_{GE} = 0\text{V}$, $T_c = 25^\circ\text{C}$)			1000	
	Collector Cut-off Current ($V_{CE} = 1200\text{V}$, $V_{GE} = 0\text{V}$, $T_c = 125^\circ\text{C}$)			5000	
I_{CES}	Gate-Emitter Leakage Current ($V_{GE} = \pm 20\text{V}$)			± 100	μA

Caution: These Devices are Sensitive to Electrostatic Discharge. Proper Handling Precautions Should Be Followed.

APT Website - <http://www.advancedpower.com>

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Table 1. Measured IGBT Parameters.

Test Equipment	DTS_2012T IGBT TESTER
IGBT	BSM75GB120DN2(SIEMENS)
Breakdown voltage (V_B)(V)	1237
Threshold voltage (V_{TH})(V)	5.517
Oxide thickness (t_{OX})(nm)	85
On_state voltage (V)	3.165($I_A = 75A, V_g = 12 V$)
<u>Turn_on loss (mj)</u>	16.16
<u>Turn_off loss (mj)</u>	7.58
A (cm^2)	1.198 × 1.198

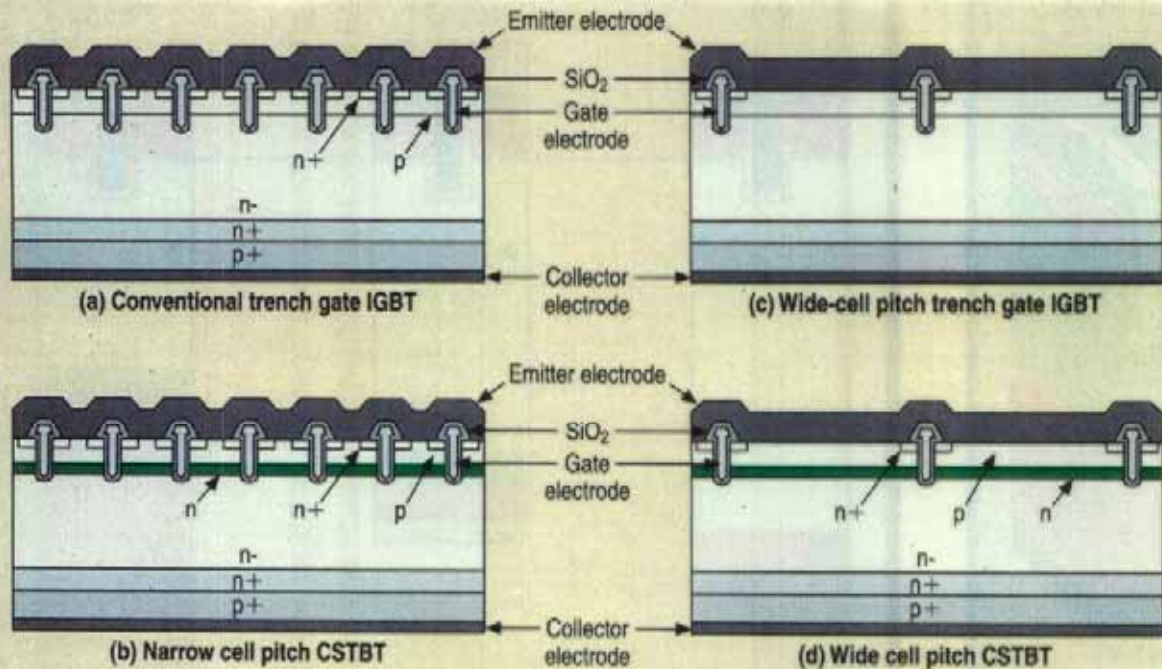
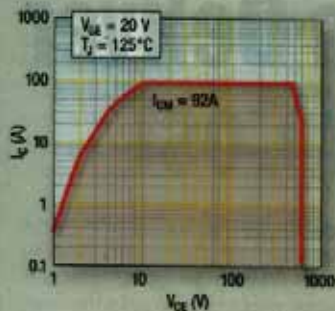
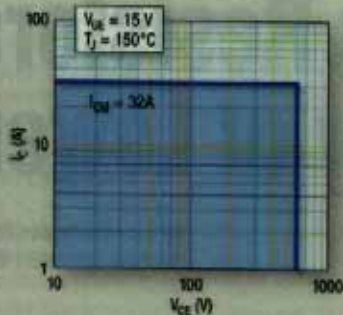


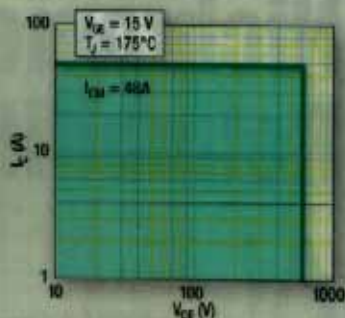
Fig. 5. IGBT chip structure comparison: a. Conventional trench gate IGBT; b. Narrow cell pitch CSTBT; c. Wide cell pitch trench gate IGBT; d. Wide cell pitch CSTBT.



— PT IGBT
 Clipped RBSOA at 125°C



— NPT IGBT
 Square RBSOA at 150°C



— Trench IGBT
 Square RBSOA at 175°C

Fig. 7. The wide square-shaped RBSOA characteristic illustrates the robustness of the DS trench IGBT.

Conclusions: IGBT

- Becoming the device of choice in 500-1700V applications, at power levels of 1-1000kW
- Positive temperature coefficient at high current — easy to parallel and construct modules
- Forward voltage drop: diode in series with on-resistance. 2-4V typical
- Easy to drive — similar to MOSFET
- Slower than MOSFET, but faster than Darlington, GTO, SCR
- Typical switching frequencies: 3-30kHz
- IGBT technology is rapidly advancing — next generation: 2500V

Wide use

IN
Motors
Low cost
sw

V_{ON}

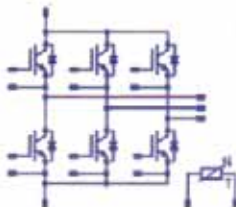
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power system

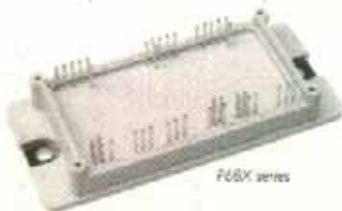
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High Power Sixpacks for Motor Drives

flowPACK 2 3rd gen
up to 150A at 1200V



- IGBT4 technology for low saturation losses and improved EMC behavior
- Low inductance layout and compact design
- High power flow 2 housing



FC6X series

Characteristics of several commercial devices

<i>Part number</i>	<i>Rated max voltage</i>	<i>Rated avg current</i>	<i>V_f (typical)</i>	<i>t_f (typical)</i>
<i>Single-chip devices</i>				
HGTG32N60E2	600V	32A	2.4V	0.62 μ s
HGTG30N120D2	1200V	30A	3.2A	0.58 μ s
<i>Multiple-chip power modules</i>				
CM400HA-12E	600V	400A	2.7V	0.3 μ s
CM300HA-24E	1200V	300A	2.7V	0.3 μ s

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New 600V

V_{on} Higher than bipolar

300nS

Summary of chapter 4

only at for parasitics

- $f_{sw} \leq 3 \text{ MHz}$
5. Majority carrier devices, including the MOSFET and Schottky diode, exhibit very fast switching times, controlled essentially by the charging of the device capacitances. However, the forward voltage drops of these devices increases quickly with increasing breakdown voltage.
 6. Minority carrier devices, including the BJT, IGBT, and thyristor family, can exhibit high breakdown voltages with relatively low forward voltage drop. However, the switching times of these devices are longer, and are controlled by the times needed to insert or remove stored minority charge.
 7. Energy is lost during switching transitions, due to a variety of mechanisms. The resulting average power loss, or switching loss, is equal to this energy loss multiplied by the switching frequency. Switching loss imposes an upper limit on the switching frequencies of practical converters.

$V_{on} \downarrow$
 $V_{off} \downarrow$
Best of both
except Δt



$$E_{\text{switch}} = \int_0^{\Delta t} V I dt$$

$$P_{\text{loss}} \approx E f_{\text{sw}}$$

FIGURE 1 Masks define the amplitude, risetime, falltime, and jitter for pulses in telecom networks.

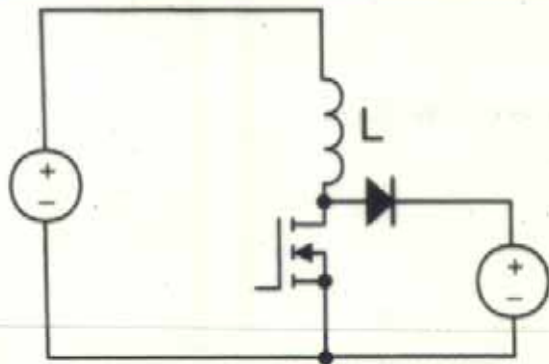
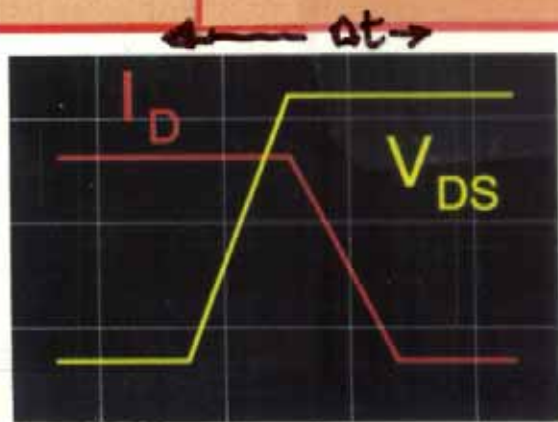
① ON to off transition "L" load

$$P_{\text{loss}} = \frac{1}{2} V_{\text{off}} I_{\text{ON}}$$

$$W_{\text{loss}} = P_{\text{loss}} * \Delta t$$

Blithley assumes I_L hangs till $V_{\text{DS}} \rightarrow \text{Max}$

Fig 3b Ideal Voltage and Current Waveforms with Inductive Loading



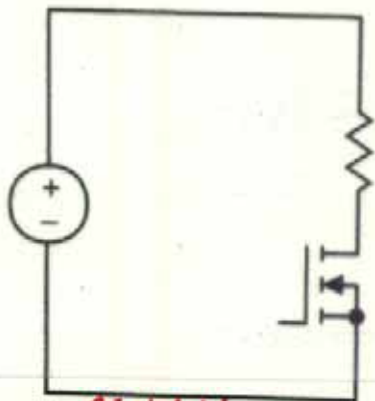
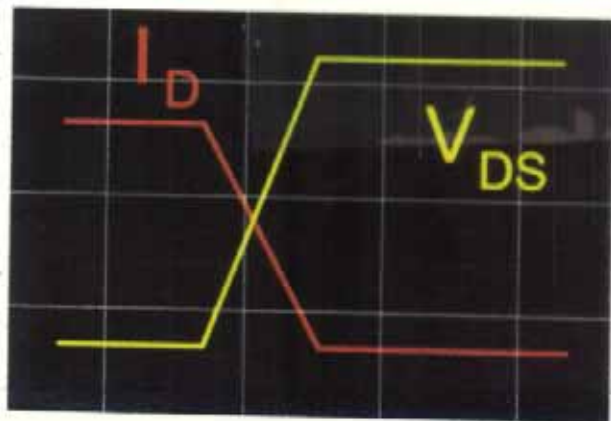
② ON to off Transition R load

$$\left[\frac{1}{6} V_{off} I_{on} \right] = P_{loss}$$

$$P_{loss} * \Delta t = W_{loss}$$

Fig 3a: Ideal Voltage and Current Waveforms with Resistive Loading

} other

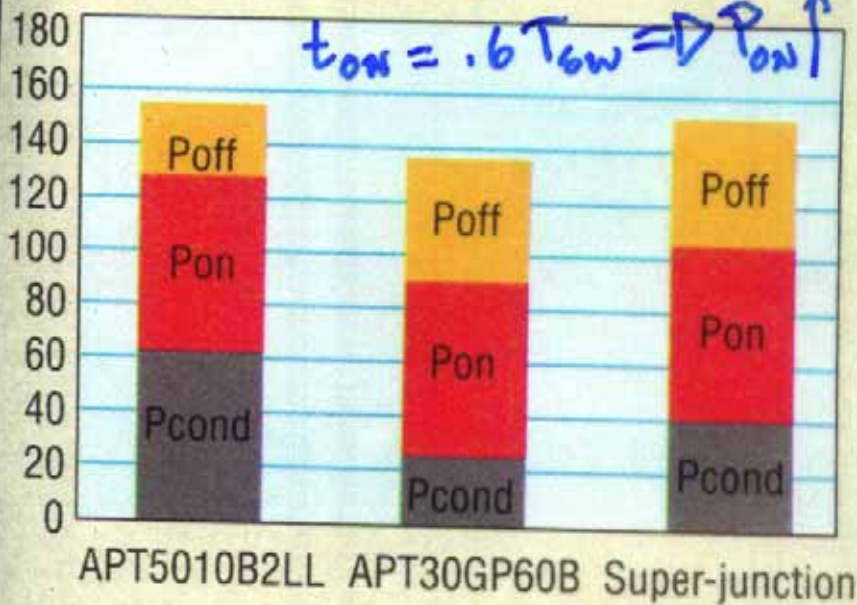


ringing

Poff due to slow i(t) decay

160V In, 400V_{OUT}, 23A, Duty = 60%
150 kHz

$t_{on} = .6 T_{sw} \Rightarrow P_{on} \uparrow$



Total Loss

1. DC losses conduction loss
2. Switch Losses

$$P_T = P_{DC} + f_{sw} E_{sw}^T$$

$$E_{sw}^T =$$

$$E_{sw} (on-off) \oplus$$

$$E_{sw} (off-on)$$

Fig. 8. Total switch losses, 23A, 60% duty.

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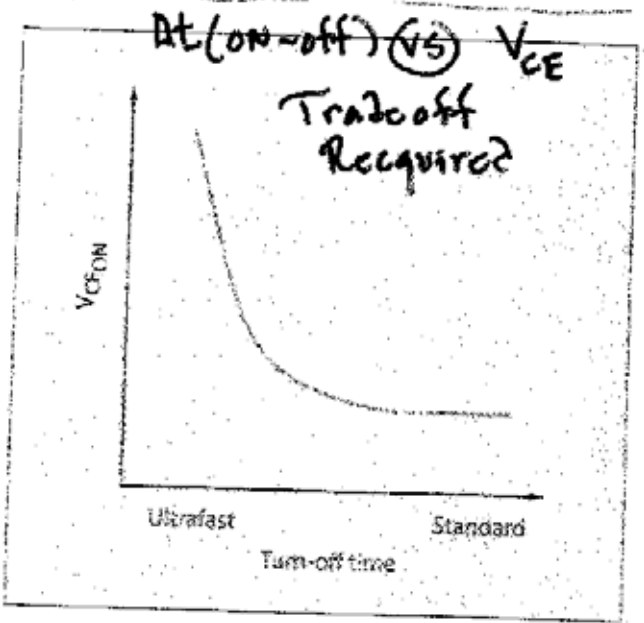


Fig. 1. Turn-off time for an IGBT is a function of its collector-emitter voltage (V_{CE}). Ultrafast IGBTs have shorter turn-off times than standard-speed IGBTs.

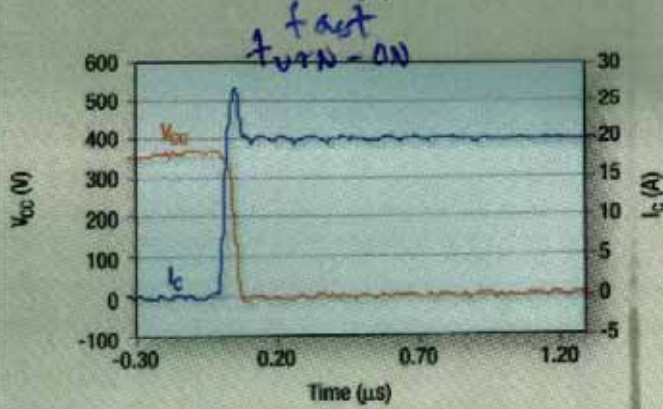
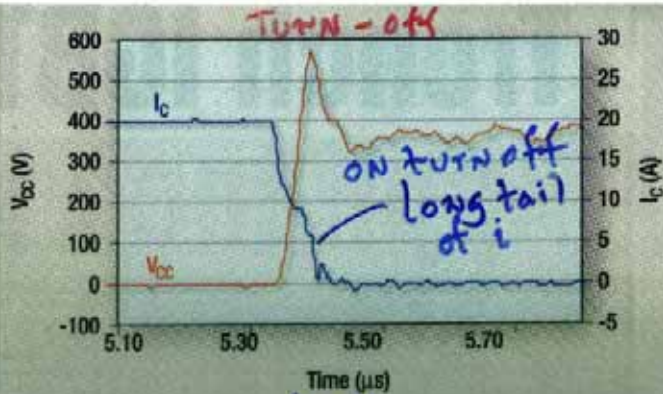


Fig. 3. Typical turn-on (top) and turn-off (bottom) switching waveforms for DS trench IGBT show the smooth turn-off and reduced current tail for these devices ($V_{cc} = 400\text{ V}$; $I_c = 18\text{ A}$; $L = 200\text{ }\mu\text{H}$; $R_g = 22\text{ }\Omega$; $T_{case} = 25^\circ\text{C}$).

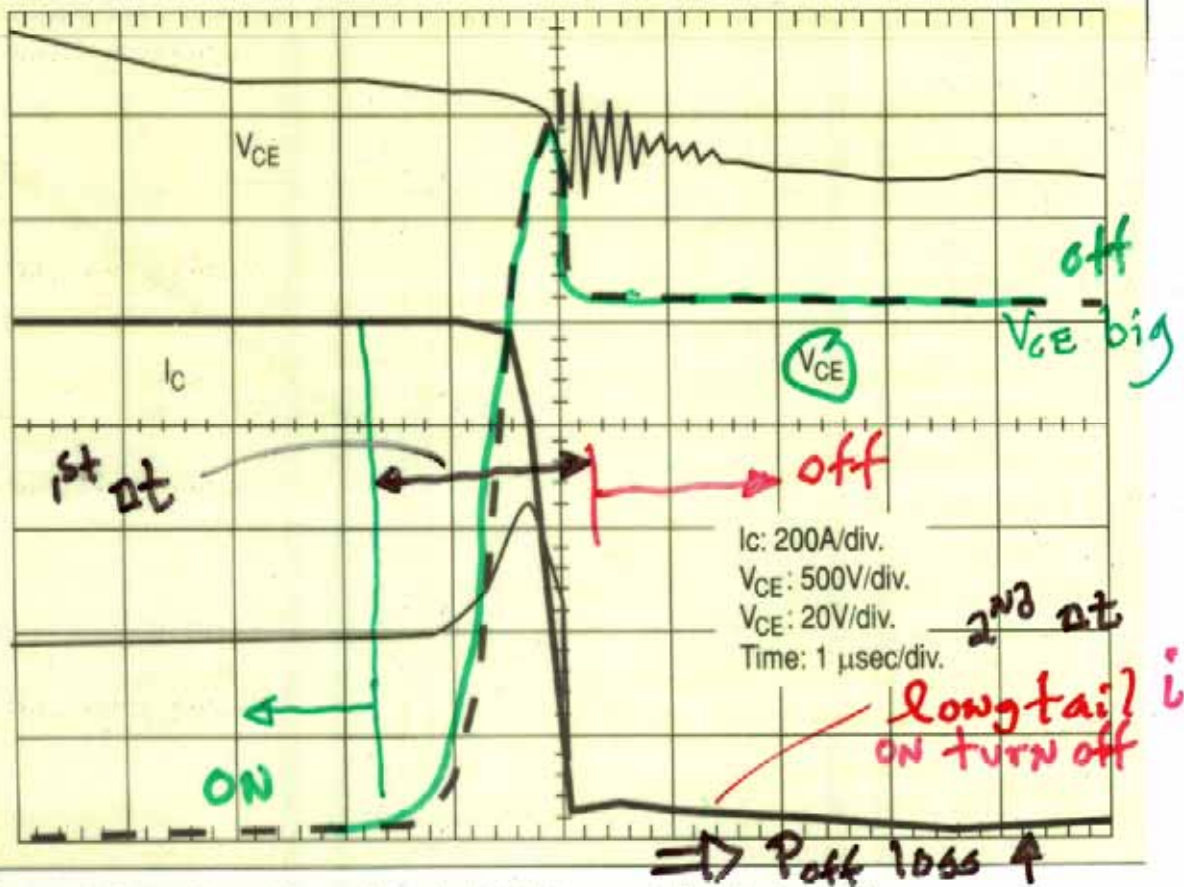
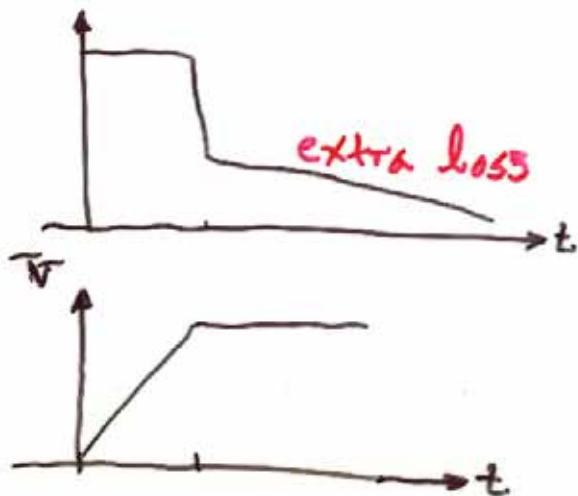


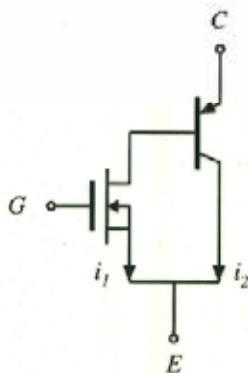
Figure 11. Turn-off waveforms of trench IGBT. Document Toshiba from [13]

Long lived IGBT $i(t)$

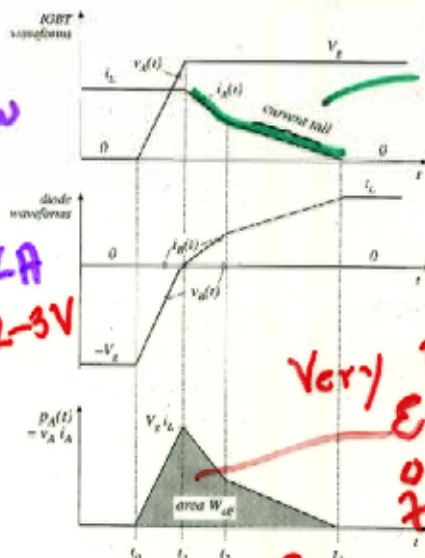
current tail



new
The Kid has a tail - a long one
 Current tailing in IGBTs



Wow
 I_{ON} of
 1-2 KA
 V_{ON} 2-3V



sw loss
 I_{ON} V_{off} Δt

too long
 high loss

Very High
 Energy per
 ON-off
 transition
 due to long
 t_{off}

$$Q = E_{on} f_{sw} t_{off}$$

Use Modern Sampling Scope

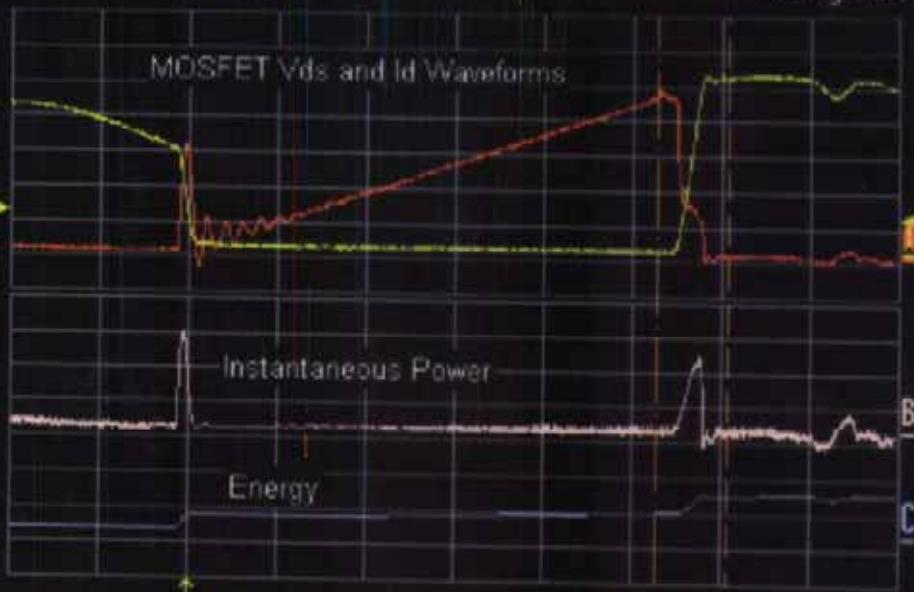
Gating Cursors

I: Vds
 .5 μ s
 50 V

A: Resamp(2)
 .5 μ s
 100 mA

B: 1+A
 .5 μ s
 10.0 W

C: $\int (B+k) dt =$
 .5 μ s
 4.00 μ J



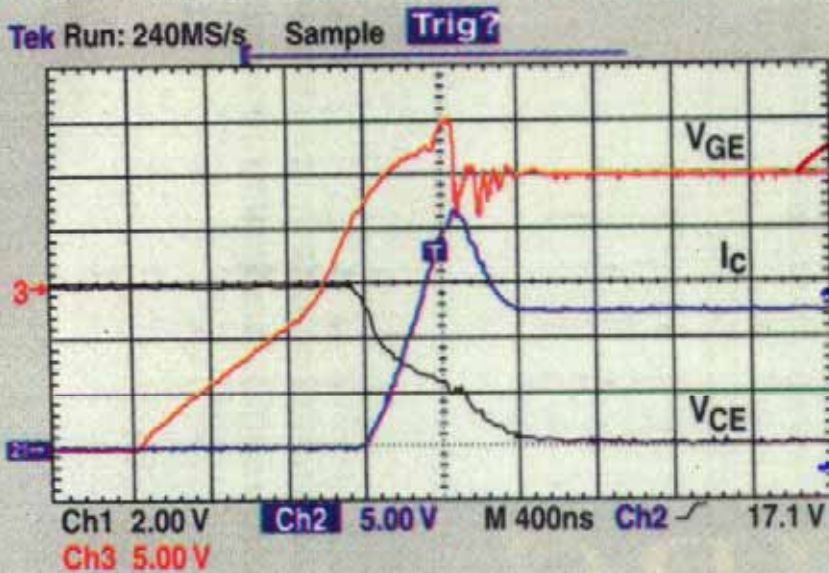
	203 sweeps:	average	low	high	sigma
maximum(B)		22.7 W	21.8	23.9	0.4
area(B)		1.95002 μ J	1.80200	2.09265	0.05177
mean(B)		4.86 W	4.49	5.22	0.13

Fig 4b: Turn-Off Loss Calculations

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- IGBT technology is rapidly advancing:
 - 3300 V devices: HVIGBTs
 - 150 kHz switching frequencies in 600 V devices

Real Switch Waveforms



① Drive Voltage also has transients and losses not in Erickson

② Output SW losses

Fig. 4(a). FS450R12KE3 characteristics:

Turn-on.

Gold Doping reduces I_{ct} tail

Tek Run: 250MS/s

Sample Trig?

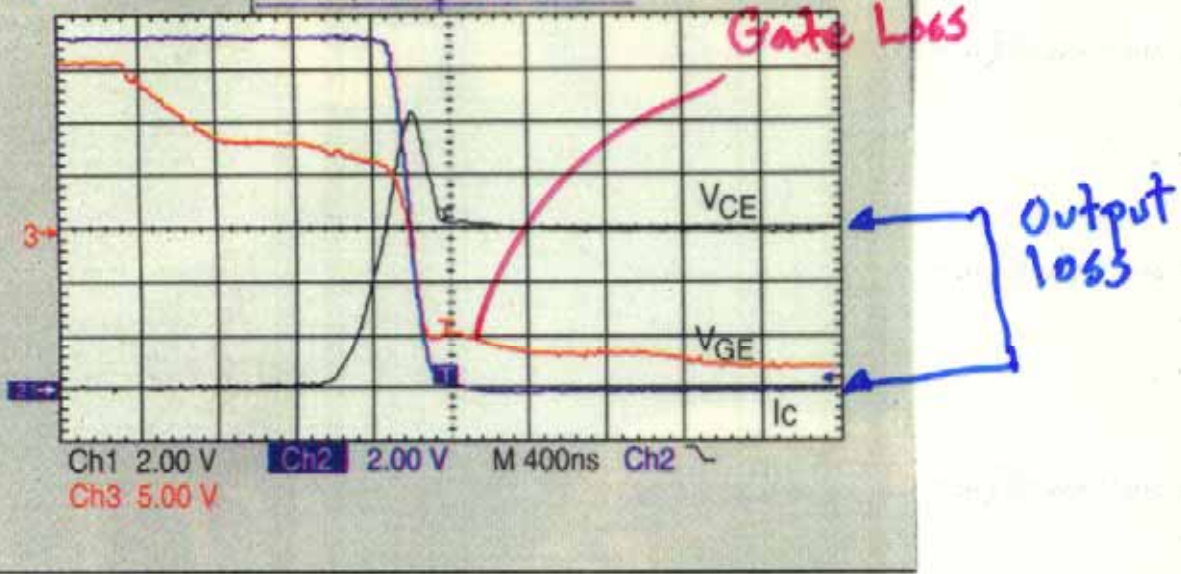
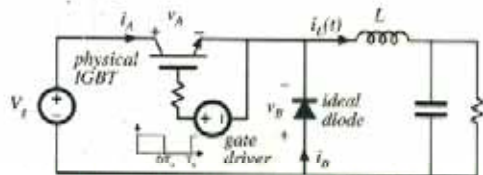


Fig. 4(b). FS450R12KE3 characteristics:
Turn-off.

Switching loss due to current-tailing in IGBT

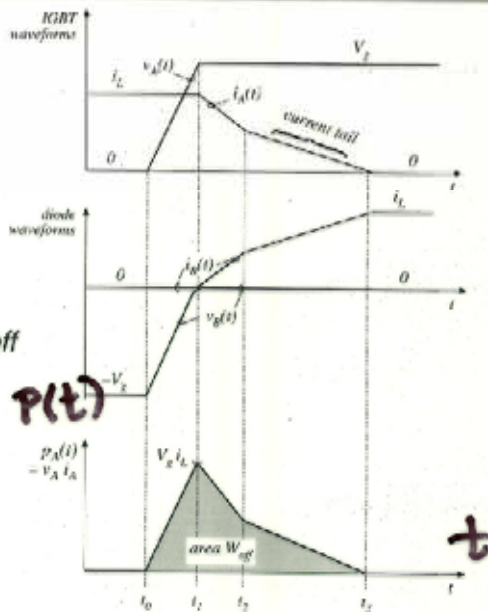


Example: buck converter with IGBT

f_{sw} *each sw cycle* *transistor turn-off transition*

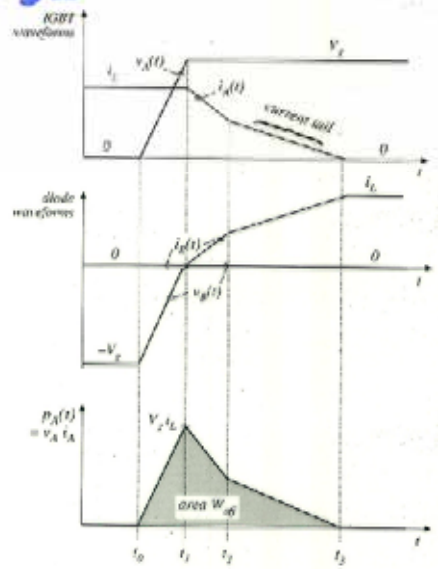
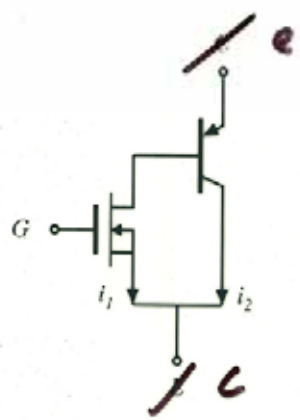
$$P_{sw} = \frac{1}{T} \int p_A(t) dt = (W_{on} + W_{off}) f_s$$

switching transitions



Prob 4.7

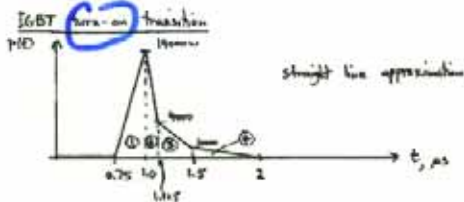
Current tailing in IGBTs Causes E_{sw} (off-on)



Problem 4.7

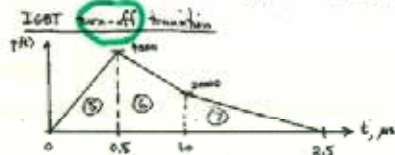
- Multiply $v_{ce}(t) i_c(t) = p(t)$
- Estimate energy under $p(t)$ waveform by graphical integration

Modern Scope $\rightarrow E_{total}$ for transition



area areas ① - ④:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{① } & \frac{1}{2} (10000) (0.25 \cdot 10^{-6}) = 1.25 \text{ mJ} \\ \text{② } & \frac{1}{2} (10000 + 4000) (0.25 \cdot 10^{-6}) = 1.125 \text{ mJ} \\ \text{③ } & \frac{1}{2} (4000 + 1000) (0.375 \cdot 10^{-6}) = 0.9375 \text{ mJ} \\ \text{④ } & \frac{1}{2} (1000) (0.5 \cdot 10^{-6}) = 0.25 \text{ mJ} \\ \text{total } & \underline{4.1 \text{ mJ} = E_{in}} \end{aligned}$$



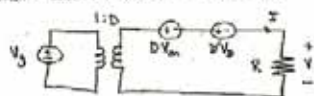
$$\begin{aligned} \text{⑤ } & \frac{1}{2} (4000) (0.5 \mu\text{s}) = 1.0 \text{ mJ} \\ \text{⑥ } & \frac{1}{2} (4000 + 2000) (0.5 \mu\text{s}) = 1.5 \text{ mJ} \\ \text{⑦ } & \frac{1}{2} (2000) (1.5 \mu\text{s}) = 1.5 \text{ mJ} \\ \text{total } & \underline{4.0 \text{ mJ} = E_{off}} \end{aligned}$$

each cycle at f_{sw}

Total $E_{in} + E_{off}$
 $E_{sw} = 8.1 \text{ mJ}$
 (my estimate near this value is OK)

Diode IGBT DC losses Buck are f(D)

Buck converter model: conduction loss



$$\begin{aligned} V_g &= 400 \text{ V} \\ V &= 200 \text{ V} \\ I &= 10 \text{ A} \\ R &= 20 \text{ } \Omega \\ V_{Vm} &= 2.5 \text{ V} \\ V_b &= 1.5 \text{ V} \end{aligned}$$

$$V = DV_g - DV_{Vm} - D'V_b$$

$$\Rightarrow V + V_b = D(V_g - V_{Vm} + V_b)$$

$$\Rightarrow D = \frac{V + V_b}{V_g - V_{Vm} + V_b} = 0.505$$

Element	Power loss
IGBT	$IDV_{Vm} = 22.6 \text{ W}$
diode	$ID'V_b = 7.4 \text{ W}$
	$4.6 \text{ W} \quad 20 \text{ W} = P_{cond}$

DC loss both switches

c) Converter efficiency = $\frac{P_{out}}{P_{in}}$ with $P_{out} = (200)(10) = 2000$

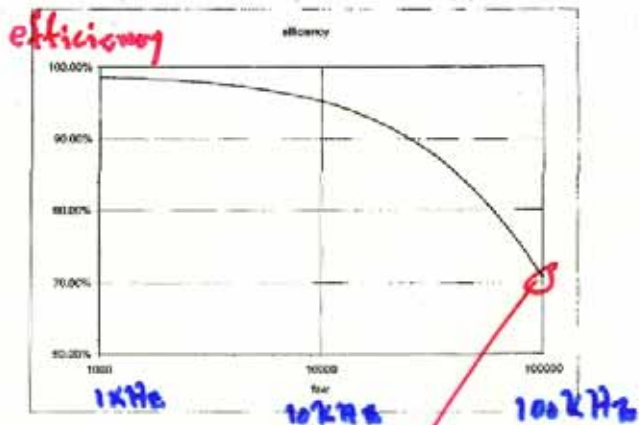
$$P_{in} = P_{out} + P_{loss} = P_{out} + P_{cond} + E_{sw}f_{sw}$$

$$\Rightarrow \eta = \frac{P_{out}}{P_{out} + P_{cond} + E_{sw}f_{sw}} = \frac{2000}{2000 + 20 + (21 \cdot 10^3)f_{sw}}$$

Plot on next page

From Eq (1.23): $f_{crit} = \frac{2000}{21 \cdot 10^3} = 2.5 \text{ kHz}$

Problem 4.7, part (c)
Efficiency vs. switching frequency

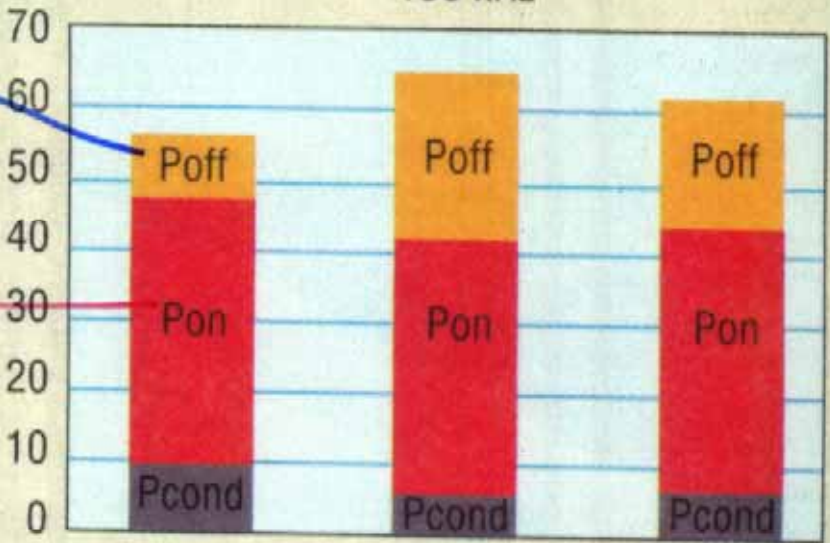


30% heat loss

280V In, 400V_{OUT}, 13A, Duty = 30%
150 kHz

$P_{off} \uparrow$
due to
slow i(t)
turn off

P_{on}
 $I_{on} V_{CE}$



APT5010B2LL APT30GP60B Super-junction

Fig. 7. Total switch losses, 13A, 30% duty.

$R_{DS(on)}$ Origins in Si Technology

$R_{DS(on)} \sim$
 D_6
10 - 100 m Ω

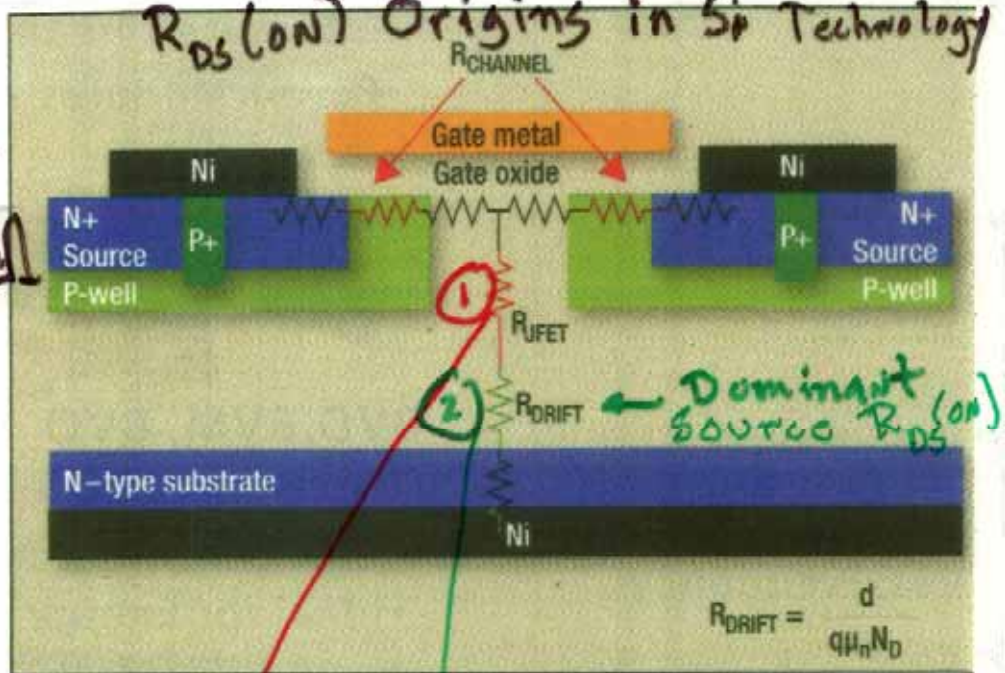


Fig. 1. Cross-section of DMOSFET power transistor shows its resistive components: the channel resistance, the inherent JFET resistance and the drift resistance that combine to produce a relatively high on-resistance.

SiC
 $R_{on}(I)$
 $\approx \frac{1}{10} R_{on}(I)$
for Si

SiC Technology $R(\text{drift}) \downarrow$
 $R_{on} \downarrow$ by $\times 10$

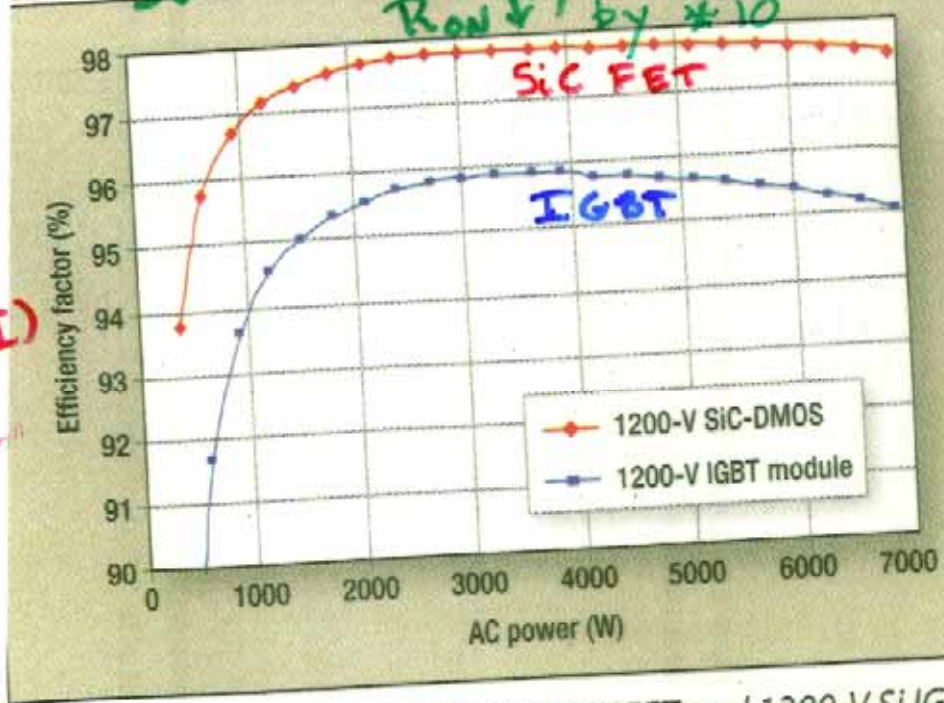


Fig. 2. Comparison of 1200-V SiC DMOSFET and 1200-V Si IGBT efficiencies in a three-phase inverter shows that at the same voltage rating, the higher-efficiency SiC DMOSFETs provide a $\approx 10\%$ efficiency advantage over their Si IGBT counterparts.^[3]

	E IGBT, 1200-V Infineon BSM 15GD 120 DN2 I_D (max.) = 15 A at 80°C	SiC DMOSFET, 1200-V CREE engineering sample I_D (max.) = 10 A at 25°C to 150°C
V_{DS}	600 V	800 V
Load	Inductive	Inductive ($L_L = 500 \mu\text{H}$)
V_{GE}	15 V	0 V/15 V
R_G	82 Ω	10 Ω
E_{ON} at $I_D = 10$ A	1.6 mJ	0.8 mJ
E_{OFF} at $I_D = 10$ A	1.0 mJ	0.34 mJ

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Table 1 Switching loss comparison [2]

SiC t_t (tail) turn-off $\approx \frac{1}{2}$ Si t_t (tai)

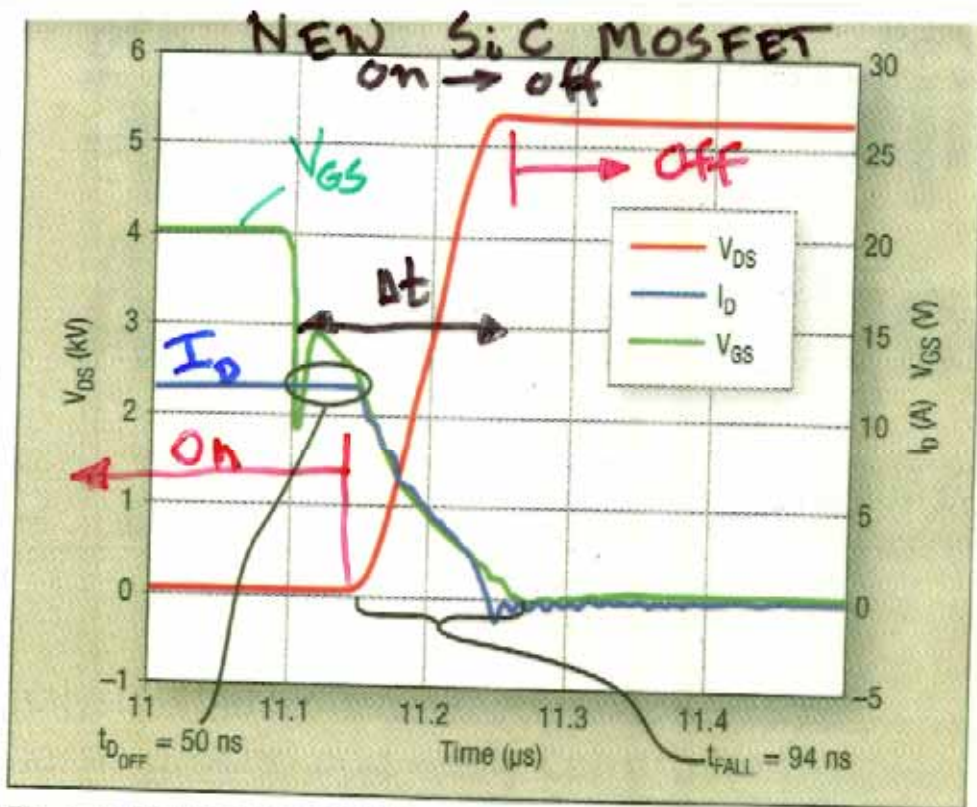
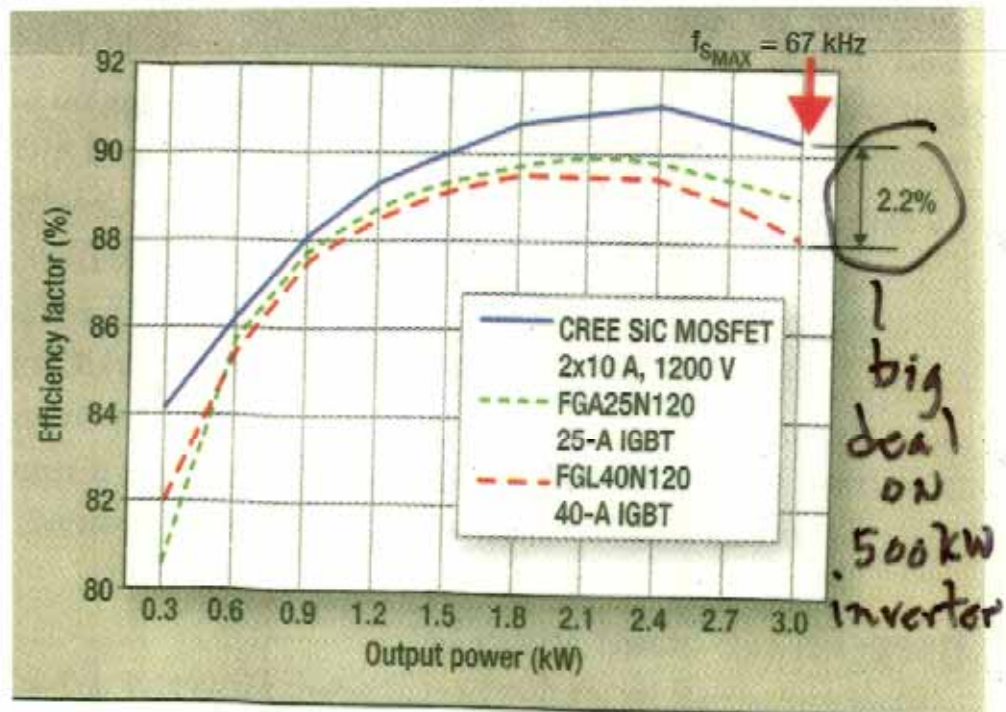


Fig. 6. A 10-kV SiC MOSFET running at 20 kHz and dissipating 600 W exhibited about 1.5- μs drain current turn-off transient.^[6]



4. Efficiency profile comparison at 67 kHz shows a higher efficiency at 3-kW output and throughout the entire load curve, as well as a case-temperature reduction with the MOSFETs relative to the IGBTs [5]

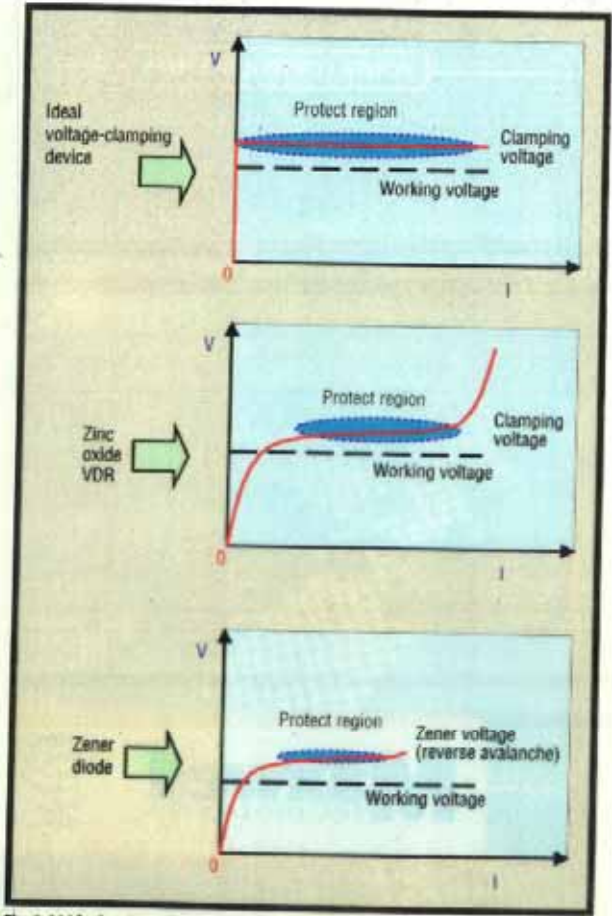


Fig. 1. V-I behavior of a varistor.

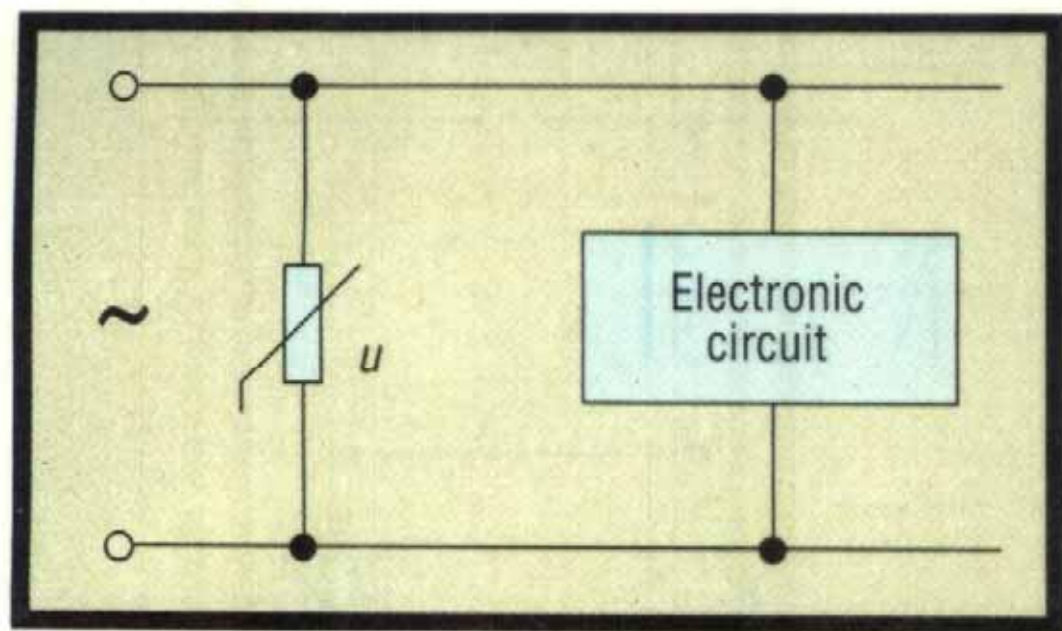


Fig. 4. *Suppression directly across mains.*

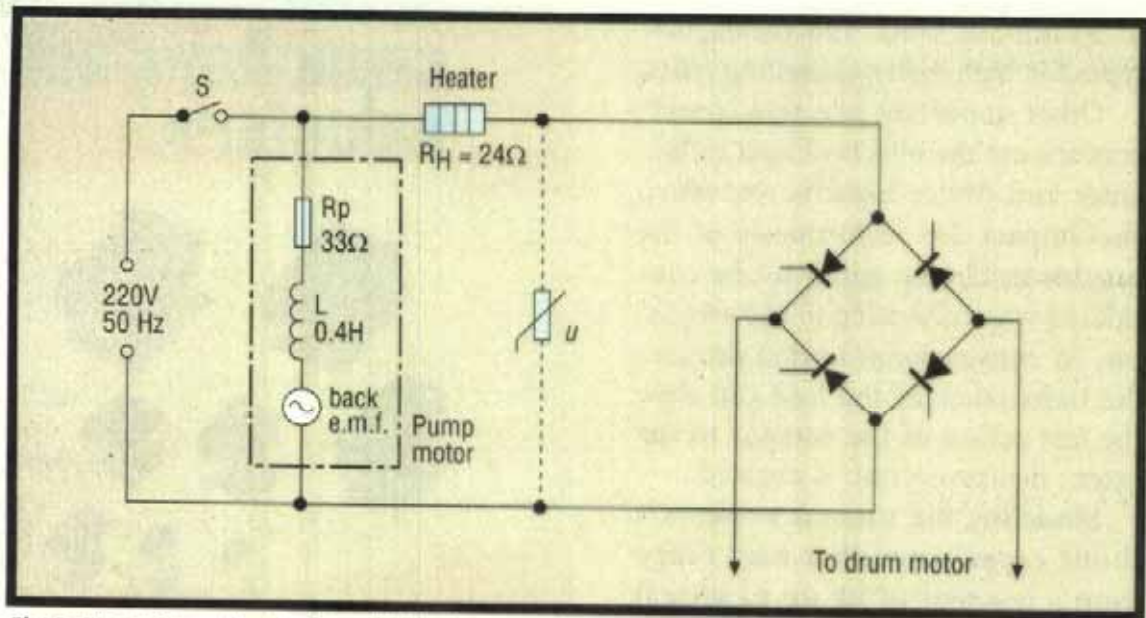


Fig. 5. Protection of a thyristor bridge in a washing machine.

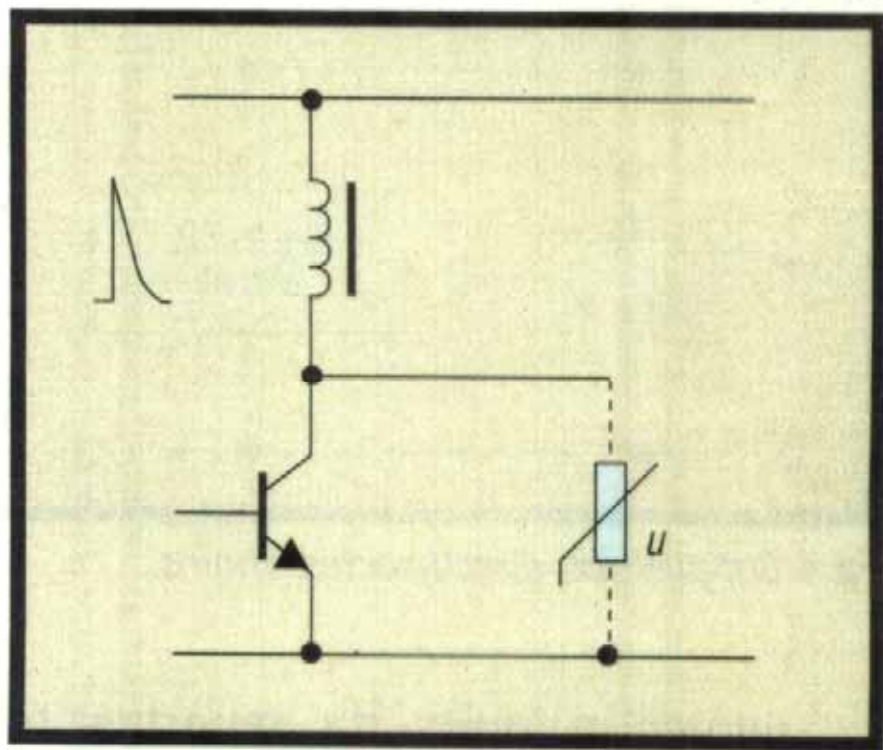


Fig. 6. Varistors used to suppress internally generated spikes in a TV application.